

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the "Summary of the Invention" as follows. This amendment will allow the Summary to mirror the allowed claims.

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~~A system, method and article of manufacture are provided for~~ The present invention
provides for controlling the collection, manipulation and storage of network performance data and network event data of a network with service assurance capabilities. Upon the receipt of an activation signal, a signal is transmitted to initiate the retrieving of network performance data and network even data generated from at least one network monitor. Such network monitor is adapted for monitoring a network system and the relocating of the data into a common directory. A signal is then transmitted to initiate the manipulation of the data and the loading of the manipulated data into a database.